

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DUAL EDUCATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to abolish the existing dual education system and provide uniform education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof.
- (c) whether the Government is also considering to provide technical and computer science, engineering and medical science education to lower class, middle class and poor children of rural areas, as being provide to urban children and children of rich families; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): The extant National Policy on Education (NPE) provides for a National System of Education which implies that, up to a given level, all students, irrespective of caste, creed, location or sex, have access to education of a comparable quality. It includes a common educational structure, a national curriculum framework and minimum levels of learning for each stage of education.

(c) & (d) The NPE and its Programme of Action provide for a definite edge for education in rural areas. Pursuant to this, a number of schemes are under various stages of implementation, which predominantly address the educational needs of rural areas including technical education.

At the Secondary level, for imparting computer education to students, the scheme of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools has been launched. The Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced information technology at school level. The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) also makes the optimum use of ICTs in almost all of its activities and programmes. In the Technical Education sector, initiatives include strengthening and consolidation of infrastructural facilities in engineering and technical education institutions; establishment of more engineering and technical education institutions and increased intake capacities; transfer of techno-economic advances in technical education and appropriate technologies to rural people through expansion of Community Polytechnics. The Indira Gandhi National Open University is providing Internet education through its computer science programmes, including an Advanced Diploma in IT, bachelor in IT etc., through its network of regional and study centers spread all over the country.

As per the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 the Medical Council of India with the prior approval of the Central Government may prescribe the minimum standards of medical education required for granting recognized medical qualifications by Universities or medical institutions in the country.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare also follows a Uniform Policy for medical science education.